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The dispenser for lancets, used for drawing blood from a patient, has a puncture instrument (15) to hold a lancet (2), and a magazine (1) with a supply of two or more lancets. The magazine has a mechanism to move the lancets, and an opening (10) for the puncture instrument (15) to be inserted and extract a lancet from the magazine. The protective shrouding (14) for the lancet is discarded as the lancet is withdrawn from the magazine.